Minutes

TO: Finance and Budget Committee

FROM: Shari Cantor, Chairperson

DATE: July 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Finance and Budget Committee Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Shari Cantor, Harry Captain, Denise Hall, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, Peter Privitera, Joseph Dakers, Helen Rubino-Turco, Elizabeth Hewitt

The Finance and Budget Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. FY2014

The FY2014 is estimated to have a surplus of \$1,167,000

2. UConn

The Committee discussed a potential process for the disposition of the UConn property by the State of Connecticut.

3. Rink

The Committee discussed the negotiated proposal to hire private management to operate the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink. No decision has been made.

4. Parking

The Committee discussed the roll out of the new parking kiosks.

- 5. Other business
 - Elderly Tax Relief Program

The Committee discussed the list of various assessment exemptions and benefit programs provide in West Hartford. The software used to calculate the value of the elderly local option tax exemption had an error and provided exemptions in error. The administration is correcting those errors and collecting the correct tax but is also recommending we adjust the ordinance to allow some qualified applicants to keep the exemption.

Financial Software

The Town has agreed to purchase the Microsoft financial software for its new operating system. The purchase price is about \$300,000 below the appropriated amount.

Next Meeting August 25th at 5:00.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors